



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
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RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the State of California Resources Agency, through the California River Parkways Grant program, in the amount of \$1,144,072 for the West San Gabriel River Parkway project. (District 5)

DISCUSSION

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine has identified a grant opportunity under the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act Of 2006 (Proposition 84) through the California Resources Agency River Parkways Grant Program (Program). Program goals include protecting and restoring riparian and riverine habitat; and improving the quality of life in California by providing important recreational, open space, wildlife, flood management, water quality, and urban waterfront revitalization benefits to communities in the state.

The West San Gabriel River Parkway will be a walking trail through the area between Spring Street and Atherton Street and adjacent to the west levee of the San Gabriel River, along with access trails through El Dorado East Regional Park. The area around the trail will consist of California native landscaping, including trees, shrubs, and grassland.

The City of Long Beach has received \$622,600 from the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) for construction of Phase I of the project, between Spring Street and Willow Street. The City has been notified by the California Department of Parks and Recreation of their intent to award \$222,725 for the project under the Habitat Conservation Fund (HCF) program. The State's award of the HCF grant has been delayed by the late adoption of the State's budget. The HCF grant has a 50 percent match requirement, which will come from park impact fees, if sufficient funding is available. The RMC has also informed the City of their intent to award the City a grant for \$1,144,072 for Phase II of the project, contingent on the City providing 100 percent matching funds. The City is applying for the River Parkways grant to provide that 100 percent match for the RMC grant.

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Deputy City Attorney Gary J. Anderson reviewed this matter and prepared the attached Resolution on September 30, 2008, and Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell reviewed this matter on October 3, 2008.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action to approve the Resolution is requested on October 21, 2008, in order to allow submission of the grant application to the State of California Resources Agency by the November 12, 2008 deadline.

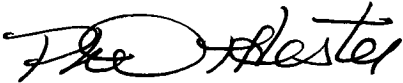
FISCAL IMPACT

The total cost of this project is estimated at \$2,808,430. If funded, grant monies and matching funds will fully offset the project cost. If the grant is awarded by the State, City Council authorization to accept and appropriate the funds will be requested.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,



PHIL T. HESTER
DIRECTOR OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE

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Attachment: Resolution

APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LONG BEACH APPROVING THE APPLICATION
FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE CALIFORNIA RIVER
PARKWAYS GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE SAFE
DRINKING WATER, WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY,
FLOOD CONTROL, RIVER AND COASTAL PROTECTION
BOND ACT OF 2006 (PROPOSITION 84)

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have
provided funds for the program shown above; and

WHEREAS, the Resources Agency has been delegated the responsibility for
the administration of this grant program, establishing necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Resources Agency
require a resolution certifying the approval of applications by the Applicant's governing
board before submission of said applications to the State; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the
State of California to carry out the project;

NOW THEREFORE the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as
follows:

Section 1. Approves the filing of an application for the West San Gabriel
River Parkway.

Section 2. Certifies that Applicant understands the assurances and
certification in the application; and

Section 3. Certifies that Applicant or title holder will have sufficient funds
to operate and maintain the project(s) consistent with the land tenure requirements; or
will secure the resources to do so; and

Section 4. Certifies that it will comply with all provisions of Section 1771.5 of the California Labor Code; and

Section 5. If applicable, certifies that the project will comply with any laws and regulations including, but not limited to, the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), legal requirements for building codes, health and safety codes, disabled access laws, and, that prior to commencement of construction, all applicable permits will have been obtained; and

Section 6. Appoints the City Manager, or designee, as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project(s).

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 20__ by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

Noes: Councilmembers: _____

Absent: Councilmembers: _____

City Clerk